

## **Center School Council Meeting Minutes**

### **June 15, 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Present:** Jane DeGrenier, Principal; John Galluzzo, Parent; Laura Louko, Parent; Elizabeth Wilcox, Parent; Courtney Folsom, Teacher Representative; Mark Lancaster, Teacher Representative; Lori McKenna, Teacher Representative; Peggy Linn, Teacher Representative; Russ Wilson, Assistant Principal, Ex-officio. Excused: April Sheridan, Parent.

Principal DeGrenier called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### **Minutes**

Principal DeGrenier called for a review of the minutes of May 11, 2021. Ms. Linn made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Lancaster seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

#### **Open Comment**

Ms. Folsom said that the rescheduling of Field Day had gone well, that the students handled it without issue. Ms. Wilcox thanked the staff for their handling of that project. Mr. Galluzzo thanked the school for pulling the third grade events together, including the hat parade. Mr. Wilson said that 170 people joined the live stream of the event. Ms. McKenna said that the hat parade looked great, and that the second graders had a good chance to see what they had in store for the coming year.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transitions**

Principal DeGrenier said she had been speaking to parents calling with any concerns. The incoming class of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders would now be 221 strong, which means adding a 10<sup>th</sup> section of the grade to reach 22 students per class. Mr. Wilson did a virtual tour by video to help Cedar kids navigate (cafeteria, courtyard, classrooms, hallways). Mr. Birolini, Middle School Principal, would do a virtual welcome for outgoing fourth graders, and would be coming to meeting with the students on Thursday, June 17.

Principal DeGrenier spoke of the plan for the new school year. Health and safety restrictions would be handled accordingly. There will be no virtual options for 2021-2022 at this time, a full return to school. There would be 221 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 204 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and 178 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Final placements would be made this week. There would be no holding back on curriculum, homework three nights a week and a focus on social-emotional learning. Assessment would take place three times during the year. Specialists will have their classrooms back. Recess, lunch, etc., would be determined by health and safety protocols. Lockers could probably be used again. The nurse and health assistant would be in the building again, a really good practice, pandemic or not. Separate entrances per grade level will continue. There will be a decreased number of half-day Tuesdays with a few added early release Thursdays. Summer reading and math calendars will be released tomorrow, June 16, 2021. The Summer program has had a tremendous responses, with about 400 families registered.

#### **Goals for Upcoming School Year**

Mr. Lancaster stated that 4<sup>th</sup> grade would continue the reading and empowering writers program

#### **New Business**

None.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be June 15, 2021, at 3 p.m. and topics will include transitions

(incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders), assessment (MCAS) updates, spring activities, any new COVID guidance, summer and more.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.